

COMMUNITY NEWS

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questioned the mayor's recommendation of Merchant's Capital to handle the arrangements on the \$2.5 million issue. Hooks quoted from documents given him during a recent workshop indicating another firm quoted better interest rates, potentially saving the Elba taxpayers \$50,000.

Grimes explained that one firm was quoting AA bonds and another was quoting AAA bonds. He produced additional data which showed Merchant's Capital with slightly lower interest rates when both were using the same class of bonds.

Grimes reminded all council members that the numbers from all the quoting firms were estimates and would be different on whatever day the bonds were sold. All council members acknowledged they understood this fact.

Hooks wanted to table the matter, get representatives of the firms back for additional discussions. Grimes wanted to move on because interest rates are rising.

All council voted in favor of moving on with Merchant's Capital, except Hooks who continued to oppose immediate action.

The funds will be used to restructure some present debt at a lower interest rate, fund the upgrade of some city equipment and possibly pay for additional street resurfacing.

The council adopted a new Affirmative Action Plan and a new plan dealing with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

James Richards was con-

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firmed as the new street superintendent. The position has been officially vacant since the death of Billy Meeks.

The council authorized Grimes to seek bids on a new garbage truck. It is expected to take two or three months to advertise for bids and get delivery on the vehicle. Once the new vehicle is in service, the old truck will be repaired and held in reserve to be used during heavy trash times.

Mayor Marler was named the new City Attorney, replacing Jeff Kelley who was recently elected Circuit Judge and will take office this month. Marler, begins his new duties on January 18th.

Mayor Grimes noted, "Jeff has done a great job with the city since we have been here. He has done a great job of keeping our city officials out of legal trouble."

Monthly bills totaling \$73,884.42 were approved for payment.

The monthly financial statement was presented to council members with little comment. The mayor noted that revenue was close to budget predictions. He added that expenses were up, mostly to one time annual bills he paid. He added that

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with Trinity Construction for that company to provide the materials and perform the erection of the building at the landfill. Tindell said the price offered by Trinity was \$50,615. This price did not include the slab for the building.

With this money available in the budget, commissioners unanimously approved Tindell's request.

In other business, commissioners:

* Approved a motion to place nine surplus vehicles for sale on the J.M. Wood Auction website.

* Approved renewal of county administrator Wilson Mobley's

contract for employment.

* Authorized chairman Doug Dalrymple to sign a lease from Annabelle Wilks for more land at the site of the Zion Chapel Senior Citizen Center pending approval of the county's grant to build a new senior center there.

* Approved the one-year rate of 2.85 percent from The Peoples Bank to renew a CD already in place at the bank.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Jan. 24, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

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CUB SCOUTS VISIT Member of Cub Scout Pack 87, Jack, Alabama, and their Pack leaders recently visited *The Elba Clipper* as part of their on-going Pack member development work. The five in this group were all decked out in the Cub Scout uniforms on that faithful Saturday morning. Pictured from left to right are Taylor Naper, Blake Cardwell, Web Richburg, Jordan Turner and Chase Peoples.

LBWCC Foundation receives \$10,000 for nursing scholarship

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College Foundation was the recent recipient of \$10,000 establishing an endowment to provide a partial tuition/book scholarship for nursing students attending Lurleen B. Wallace Community College. Dr. Gisela Scroggs, PhD, of Talladega, AL made the presentation in honor of her husband, Tom Scroggs. Dr. Scroggs, stated that she felt it was important to help support those individuals such as teachers and nurses that work with our children and the elderly. Dr. Scroggs emphasized that while it was not a large amount compared to some endowments; any amount helps those students that are struggling to pay tuition and expenses of a college education.

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Body of missing Kinston man found

Three people arrested in connection to death

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The search for a missing Kinston man ended last week when authorities recovered a body from a nearby pond. A short time later, three arrests were made in conjunction to the man's death.

Joseph Delane Finkley, age 39, of Kinston was reported missing by family members on Jan. 1, 2005. At that point a joint investigation between the Kinston Police Department, Coffee County Sheriff's Department, 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office and the Alabama Bureau of Investigation began.

During a press conference held last Wednesday, Jan. 12, officials said they had recovered a body believed to be that of Finkley. The body was found floating in a pond on the property where Finkley was last seen. That pond had already been searched twice by divers.

At the time of the press conference, officials said they were still awaiting positive identification following an autopsy by the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences in Mobile, Ala. They also hoped the autopsy would determine the actual cause of death.

Early on in the investigation of Finkley's disappearance, officials said they believed he could be a victim of foul play. During last Wednesday's press conference,

Four individuals

arrested on drug charges in Elba

Local law enforcement officials continue to find plenty of work when it comes to the capture of those persons manufacturing and/or in possession of illegal drugs, and last Tuesday was no exception as four people were arrested at a residence in Elba.

According to Elba Police Chief R.W. "Ronnie" Whitworth, the 12th Judicial Drug Task Force and Elba Police Department recently received numerous complaints from concerned citizens regarding possible drug activity at the residence of Kenneth Michael Queen of Elba.

Responding to those citizen concerns, officers went to the residence, located at 1697 County Road 408, last Tuesday, Jan. 11, and Whitworth said their arrival sent two females running. He said both Krystal Dawn Hudson, age 22, of Kinston, Ala., and Olivia Evie Foley, age 23, of Elba, were apprehended in the backyard of the residence after they tried to flee on foot.

Inside the residence, officers found two males, Kenneth Michael Queen, age 42, and Richard Charles Smith, age 40, both of Elba. They also found plenty of evidence of the suspected drug activity.

Whitworth said the officers recovered approximately 3,000 Ephedrine pills along with numerous items associated with the manufacturing of methamphetamine. He said they also recovered approximately five grams of methamphetamine, one ounce of marijuana, two semi-automatic rifles and approximately \$2,500 in U.S. currency.

Whitworth said the four suspects each were arrested and charged with unlawful manufacturing of a controlled substance first degree (methamphetamine), unlawful possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), unlawful possession of marijuana second degree

and well wishers. Gammill noted the workload Sheriff faces as the only judge in the District Court. A volume of 12,000 cases awaits him, according to Gammill. That breaks down to 1,000 a month, 250 cases a week and 50 cases a day, which Gammill says can be done with a case resolved every eight or nine minutes, eight hours a day, 5 days a week, for 52 weeks out of the year.

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age 45, of DeFuniak Springs, Fla., was arrested in DeFuniak Springs around 7 p.m. and charged with Finkley's murder.

Also arrested in connection with the murder were Finkley's ex-wife, Janie Finkley Weldon, of Kinston, and Finkley's former step-daughter, Janie Elizabeth Fields of Opp, Ala. Both females were charged with tampering with physical evidence.

Taylor was placed in the Walton County Jail under a \$100,000 bond. Authorities are working to extradite him to Coffee County, however, Taylor is fighting that extradition.

Weldon and Fields were placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$2,000 bond each, of which \$1,000 is cash only. As of press time, it was reported that Fields had bonded out of jail.

Throughout this investigation, aerial searches were conducted by the Dale County Sheriff's Aviation Unit and the Alabama

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Kinston's Chief of Police
Craig Haynes

once Kinston Police Chief Craig Haynes said they believed this because Finkley was not known for going off without notifying his family.

By Wednesday evening, the speculation of foul play was no more as Richard Dale Taylor,



NEW BROCKTON REMEMBERS. Several citizens of the Town of New Brockton put on an extra layer of clothing and weathered the cold temperatures early Monday morning, Jan. 17, as they participated in the annual Walk of Remembrance honoring the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The participants began the day's activities at the old Warren Smith School where the Progressive Circle Youth Choir presented a short program. New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole said the residents gathered Monday morning to celebrate Dr. King's non-violent marches and the work he did to ensure equality among all men. The Walk of Remembrance began at the old school and proceeded through the streets of New Brockton to the Poplar Springs Baptist Church. The day's activities concluded with a program at Poplar Springs Baptist Church with Dr. Myland R. Brown serving as the guest speaker. Several local churches participated in this event.

Investiture ceremony held for judges Jeff Kelley and Paul Sherling

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

An overflow crowd was present in the Enterprise courthouse Sunday afternoon for the swearing in ceremonies for 12th Judicial Circuit Judge Jeff W. Kelley and District Judge Paul Sherling.

The opening invocation was by Reverend Ben Amlong and the children of the two new judges lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

12th District Presiding Judge Bill Barr welcomed the friends and family members to the ceremonies.

Alabama Court of Civil Appeals Judge Glenn Murdock, an Enterprise native, gave the official judicial address.

Coffee County Probate Judge Bill Gammill also addressed the assembled group of family,

friends and well wishers. Gammill noted the workload Sheriff faces as the only judge in the District Court. A volume of 12,000 cases awaits him, according to Gammill. That breaks down to 1,000 a month, 250 cases a week and 50 cases a day, which Gammill says can be done with a case resolved every eight or nine minutes, eight hours a day, 5 days a week, for 52 weeks out of the year.

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James Richards takes helm as Elba's street superintendent

by Linda Hodge, Editor

City of Elba employee James Richards officially assumed his new role last Tuesday, Jan. 11, as the city's street superintendent; however, it was just another day on the job for him.

The Elba City Council voted Monday evening, Jan. 10, during its bimonthly council meeting to name Richards as the new street superintendent, but he actually began handling the job duties about six months ago.

Richards began his career with the City of Elba nearly 20 years ago, and he has worked in the street department the entire time.

"I started out hauling trash loading it by hand," he said.

For the past several years, he has been a supervisor in the street department and served as assistant superintendent to the former superintendent Billy

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Alabamians urged to eat healthy...Editorial by Congressman Terry Everett

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6 months - \$11
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Modern day Justice Center, Wetumpka, Alabama. Through the State of Alabama

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. W.K. ELLISON
HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC

Three traps of financial bondage

To what degree do these traps influence or dominate you?

I. Impulse Buying
Everything we see in newspapers and on TV pushes us to "go for it." Get all the money you can! Yet Ecclesiastes 4:8 reminds us that the eye is never satisfied with riches. 5:10 further explains, "He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase." Impulse buying is a symptom what Solomon is describing in these verses.

II. Dissatisfaction
Dissatisfaction is the disease of never having enough: enough clothes or the right clothes, enough furniture or matching furniture. It's an insatiable hunger to possess more and more. Eccl. 5:11, "When goods increase, they who eat them increase also; and what gain is there to their owner except to see them with his eyes."

III. Laziness
Maybe you never have enough money because you're lazy. Solomon advised the sluggard to consider the ways of the ant.

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: so shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man. (Prov. 6:6-11)

God will not drop prosperity on you while you're lying in bed. Get up!

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SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 10:1-10

****THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU:**
The Chandler Family, Estella Williams, Cleaven Williams, Mary E. Holley, The McSwain Family, The Haynes Family, Eria Lindsey Belcher (pray for me), Nettie R. Hogan, The Anderson Family, Kimberly Davis, Corine Witherspoon, Annie Pearl Carpenter.

****JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:**
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (in memory of), Britany Daniels, Steve Williams.

****VISITORS:**
Mrs. Estel Franklin, Minister Grace and Isaiah Franklin and Mrs. James Franklin, all of LeGrand, Alabama; Mrs. Barbara Tillis, Elba, Ala.; Mrs. Helen Daniels and Mrs. Betty Sue Young, Bramley, Ala.; D.J. Belcher, Milton Belcher, Betty, and Kiki of Montgomery, Ala.; Kendyllyn Belcher of Elba, visited Eria Lindsey Belcher of Elba.

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH
SANDSON, Ala.
Pastor: Don Gratham
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training: 5:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting: Wed., 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
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The Elba Church of God of Prophecy to hold Gospel Sing January 30

A Gospel Sing featuring the New Covenant Singers of Samson, Ala. will be held at Elba Church of God of Prophecy. This event will be held January 30, 2005 at 5 p.m. Finger foods will be served afterwards.

Vanderbilt Holiness Church plan revival services

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will be hosting a revival with Mary Johnson from Orlando FL, on January 26, 27, and 28. The services will start at 7:00 PM nightly with special singing each night. The church is located on Coffee County Road 114 about one mile past Wayne Farms. For more information please call 334/897-3778.

St. Johns A.M.E. Church present "The Five Trumpets" on January 22

Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3411 Geneva Highway, Enterprise, will present "The Five Trumpets" in Concert, featuring Rev. Jackie Banks, on Saturday, Jan. 22, at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Banks, a former member of the Original Soul Stirrers of Chicago, was the evangelist for Johns Chapel's recent revival. All members of the group are ministers with extensive musical and preaching gifts. Pastor Carl McDaniel invites everyone to attend. For more information, please call Pastor McDaniel at 347-4489 or Marge Simmons at 393-3827.

The McKameys to be at the Country Cathedral

The McKameys will be in concert at the Country Cathedral Assembly of God Thursday, January 20, 2005 at 7 p.m. Country Cathedral is located on Hwy 84 about 5 miles east of Opp. A love offering will be received. For more information please call 334-493-7413 or visit www.countrycathedral.com.



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The Sammy Glass Family
The Sammy Glass Family to be in concert at Wise Mill Assembly of God on January 23

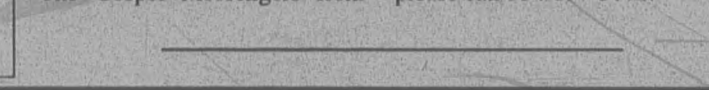
The Sammy Glass family from Decatur, Tenn. will be at the Wise Mill Assembly of God Church for a Special Gospel Concert on Sunday morning, January 23 at the 11 a.m. service. The church is located about 6.12 miles from Elba, off Hwy 125, at 233 County Road 224. Sammy and Gayla have three children, a daughter age 20 that plays the Mandolin and sings and writes songs, two sons age 19 and 17 they also play the guitar and drums and sing. Chris writes songs and sounds like a young Randy Travis. The family will also be in this area: Saturday night, January 22 at 7 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, South of Enterprise and Sunday night, January 23 at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, of New Brockton, Ala. For more information call 334/897-3520.

The Wilkerson Family to share testimonies & present a program of Bluegrass music at Basin Baptist Church

Basin Baptist Church will host The Wilkerson Family from Troy on Sunday night, January 30th at 8:30 p.m. The Wilkersons will be sharing testimonies and presenting a program of Bluegrass music. Everyone is invited to attend. Basin is located about 5 miles south of Elba on Highway 189. Nathan Carroll is pastor.

Vanderbilt Holiness Church to host gospel singing Saturday, January 22

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will be having a gospel sing on January 22, 2005 starting at 6:00 PM. The featured group will be The Gospel Messengers from Montgomery, AL. The church is located on Coffee County Road 114 about one mile past Wayne Farms. For more information please call 334/897-3778.



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Elba Pastoral Alliance invites ministers to join organization

The Elba Pastoral Alliance invites all pastors in the Elba area to be part of the alliance and pastor fellowship. Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM. Each church takes turns hosting the meeting. Two or three pastor couples a year are planned with good fellowship and spiritual unity.

The next meeting will be held at West Side Baptist in February. The Elba Pastoral alliance organizes and hosts the annual Community Thanksgiving Service and the Elba High School Graduation Baccalaureate. They also offer spiritual articles in The Elba Clipper as well as involvement in things like meet at the poles and the National Day of Prayer.

The Church of God of Brundidge to host Gospel Singing

The Church of God of Brundidge will be hosting a Gospel singing, Saturday, January 22, 2005 at 7 p.m. The featured group will be The Brads.

Revival planned at Harris Temple Church of God in Christ

A revival will be held at Harris Temple Church of God in Christ, January 26-28, 2005. The guest speaker will be Evangelist Elder Ricky Allen.

Springhill Emanuel Holiness Church to hold revival

Springhill Emanuel Holiness Church will hold a Men's Conference January 24-25 and a revival January 26-28. The guest speaker will be Keith Price, beginning at 7:00 nightly. By invitation only to attend. The church is located on Hwy 167, 1 mile south of Wards Grocery or 21 miles north of Enterprise on left.

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LIFESTYLES

Beginning Smocking offered at LBWCC-MacArthur Campus

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College - MacArthur Campus will offer a four-week course in Beginning Smocking. The class will meet each Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Classes will be held in the main Administrative Building Room A-2. The class will begin Tuesday, January 18th and end on Tuesday, February 8, 2005. Wanda Bass will be the instructor for the course.

Beginning Smocking provides instruction for five basic smocking stitches. No sewing experience required. At the conclusion of the course, students should be able to smock a simple geometric smocking design. Students will also be taught how to prepare fabric for smocking, select a smocking pattern, read a smocking pattern, center design, and select appropriate smocking needles and thread.

The cost of the course is \$40.00. In addition to the cost of the course, students will need to purchase a smocking kit from the instructor at the first class meeting. The cost of the kit will be \$10.00. The kit will include one pleated fabric insert, smocking pattern, smocking needle, and thread.

Class Size is limited to 15. Anyone interested in this course should register before Tuesday, January 18th. For more information or to register, please call (334) 493-3573, ext. 5360 or 5344.

Enterprise-Ozark Community College announces Honor Rolls

Enterprise-Ozark Community College (EOCC) officially announces the names of students achieving recognition through the 2004 fall semester honor rolls.

Ten EOCC students earned Dean's Academic Honor Roll certificates at the end of fall semester. These students earned 46 or more semester hours while maintaining a cumulative 4.0 grade-point average.

Eighty-two EOCC students earned President's List certificates. These students maintained a 4.00 grade-point average during the fall semester with a course load of at least 12 semester hours.

President's List honorees are: From New Brockton/Brandon C. Allen and Michelle M. Whitaker. From Elba/Patricia E. Bludsworth and John D. Watkins.

From Jacksonville/Matthew Richards. From Kinross/Shannon Oglesby, Robert Rogers, and Hannah M. Seay.

The Dean's List, also compiled at the end of every semester, recognizes full-time students (scheduling 12 or more hours) who maintain a minimum of 3.50 GPA, but under 4.0 GPA, during the semester. The 2004 fall semester list includes 122 students.

From New Brockton/Chris D. McMahon and Regina Williams. From Elba/Cheryl J. Adcock, Kevin Baxley, Katherine A. Grantham, Lamella S. Head, Suzanne M. Hobbs, Wesley McKinney, and Ashley N. Rushing.

From Kinross/Justin C. Creech, Justin Phillips, and Diane K. Wilson.

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James & June Jackson

James & June Jackson to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

June and James M. Jackson (Retired Air Force) will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary with an open house at the home of James and June Jackson on January 28, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Friends and family are welcome. Their three children and their families will host the open house.

The former June Edwards (daughter of the late Dorothy and George Edwards, both of Liverpool, England) and James Martin Jackson (son of the late Bama and Bud Jackson, both of Elba, Alabama) were married on January 21, 1955 in Liverpool, England.

June and James have three children, Gary Jackson of Elba, Gail Evelyn of Enterprise, and Wayne Jackson of Elba. The couple also have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Kimberly Ward graduates with honors from the University of Southern Mississippi

On December 17, 2004, Kimberly Ward graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi. Kimberly graduated with a Bachelor of Arts with an emphasis in Education of the Deaf. She graduated with Honors maintaining a 3.7 GPA, while attending Southern Miss.

Kimberly was highly involved with many activities during her years at Southern Miss. She was a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority in which she served as Vice-President of Finance and also Vice-President of Programming. Within Delta Gamma, Kimberly also earned the Financial Excellence Award from Delta Gamma Nationals as well as the Ashley Award for the Most Outstanding Officer. She also served on numerous committees including House Corporation, chair of Finance and Housing Crew and chair of Programming Crew. She also served as the representative from Delta Gamma for Greek Week and served on the Greek Week Organizational Committee as well as the Philanthropy Committee. Kimberly also served as

Secretary of Kappa Delta Pi Educational Honor Society and Secretary of Omicron Delta Kappa National Honor Fraternity. Kimberly was also a member of Order of Omega, a Greek Honor Fraternity, and the Golden Key Honor Society. Kimberly served as Greek Seeker for the University of Southern Mississippi recruiting prospective students into the Greek system. She was named to the President's List six times and the Dean's List six times while at Southern Miss. Because of her outstanding academic achievements, Kimberly was also named to the National Dean's List. Being a member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, and the Freshmen Service Board was also on her list of accomplishments while at the University of Southern Mississippi. She was also involved in CAID, student organization of Council of American Instructors of the Deaf, and the SSHA, the Student Speech and Hearing Organization. Kimberly was also named Phi Kappa Phi Fraternity Rose Queen for the Theta Alpha chapter at Southern Miss. Kimberly attended the University of Southern Mississippi with a Leadership

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Dodd-Farris wedding held December 23

George and Kay Farris of Elba announce the marriage of their daughter, Brandee Nicole Farris, to Randall Neil Dodd, son of Jim and Elaine Dodd of Elba.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in business management. She is the granddaughter of J.C. and Margaret Lewis Jr. and the late Woodrow and Catherine Farris, all of Elba.

The groom was a student at Troy University before recently being called to duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is the grandson of Velma Cecil of New Port Richey, Fla., the late Neil Dodd of Tarpon Springs, Fla., and the late Lerard and Arlene Martin of Clearwater, Fla.

The couple was united in marriage on December 23, 2004 in a private ceremony held at The Old South Inn Bed and Breakfast in Elba. Mart Gray officiated the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a white satin gown and carried a bouquet of long stem white roses.

Serving as maid of honor was the bride's sister, Tiffany Farris. Serving as best man was the groom's brother, Kevin Dodd.

A reception followed the ceremony, and guests were invited to enjoy a variety of finger foods from the refreshment table. The celebration was a two-day affair embellished with white roses and designed by the bride's aunt, Jama Walker.

The couple enjoyed a brief honeymoon in Gatlinburg, Tenn. before Randy returned to Camp Shelby, Miss. to continue training. Brandee currently resides in Elba with her parents.

Once Randy returns home from an 18-month tour in Iraq, the couple will renew their vows and a reception will be held for all family and friends.

The couple plans to reside in Montgomery, Ala.

Birmingham-Southern College fall semester Dean's List announced

Nesley Kelley of Elba is among the 1999 fall semester Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2004 Term at Birmingham-Southern College.

Each student earned a 3.5 or better grade-point average while taking 16 or more credit hours during the spring semester.

Birmingham-Southern is a four-year private institution that receives consistently high rankings as one of America's top liberal arts colleges.

Wesley is the son of Eddie and Jana Kelley of Elba.

Maternal grandparents are Mary Wise and the late Clifford Wise of Opp. Paternal grandparents are Bill and Linda Rhodes of Kinross.

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SPORTS

Views From....
THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor

Everyone in the family but dear 'ole Dad had a night off one night last week and Melanie decided she would cook her favorite casserole to celebrate the rare occasion. After a quick trip to the grocery store I headed out to a meeting, and about half way there I remembered I had forgotten to remind her what temperature to set the oven on. She didn't need my help anyway, because when I got home the casserole was still piping hot in the oven and delicious. If we can get more nights at home I might just turn her into a gourmet cook.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** Just when I thought it was about time to write off the Elba Tigers and the basketball season they go out and claim wins over New Brockton and Pike County to up their record to 10-7. The Tigers played one of their best games of the season early in the week against their neighbors from across the county to go 2-1 against the Gamecocks, while on Friday night the Tigers avoided an off night shooting to survive and claim a low scoring win over Pike County, up in Brundidge. Elba proved once again last week they have the talent to defeat any opponent on their schedule, and even when they have a bad night from the floor they are quick enough on defense to keep the score close. Maybe one night soon the real Elba Tigers will stand up and they will begin to peak as tournament time nears.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers posted easy wins over New Brockton and Pike County earlier in the season and were thought to have an easy week on the court, but were upset twice and saw their record dip to 8-7 on the season. The Lady Tigers played pretty well against New Brockton despite losing and had a big night from guard LaFondra Thigpen, who scored 25 points. However, later in the week the Lady Tigers lost their composure on the road and fell to a Pike County team they should have defeated. It is past time for the Lady Tigers to settle into a consistent team on the court, and unless they regroup what once looked like a big year may fizzle at the end.

*** I made it to both Kinston and New Brockton last week, and although both teams lost, I was impressed with the progress made by the Bulldogs and Gamecocks. Kinston only dressed out seven players in a game against Samson and lost by a big score. However, Coach Paul Marsh had his players ready to play and the Bulldogs never quit hustling and played hard until the final horn. New Brockton lost to G.W. Long late last week at home, but the Gamecocks started three freshmen and one sophomore in the game against the veteran Rebels and really got after Long for all four quarters. Coach Glen Johnson inherited a team that had won only three games the year before and then was left with youngsters after a few hard weeks of preseason drills, but he has never made excuses and his team has improved weekly into a very competitive 2A club. Don't let their records fool 'ya, the Bulldogs and Gamecocks have teams that can win on any given night.

*** I saw on TV Saturday night where the Auburn Tigers had a big day to celebrate their 13-0 season and also watched Coach Tommy Tuberville raise a trophy that proclaimed the national champions. The state and national media has had a field day with Auburn ever since Coach Tuberville accepted the national title from a newspaper up in Eufaula, and watching him on TV over the weekend only made it worse. I agree that a 13-0 record is a reason to celebrate and the day was well deserved, but one day soon the Auburn coach and his players and fans must accept the fact that the Tigers didn't win the national title and get on with their lives.

*** Troy University lost its defensive coordinator last week to Clemson and the folks up at Troy have finally realized that it is money that makes the world go around and are looking into upping the pay of its assistant coaches. Troy has made the jump into the big time in college football and has been one of the true success stories in recent memory, but over the past four years the Trojans have lost two defensive coordinators and an assistant head coach to other schools. If the Trojans are to have stability on their staff it is time to pay the assistants more money and also give them multi-year contracts. Hey, if Troy is going to play with the big boys they have to have good coaches leading the way.

*** In closing, I am convinced that many people go to sporting events just to yell at the officials. I don't know if they get pushed around during the day and have bosses that stay on them or what, but almost every game I attend there are fans that constantly criticize the officials and make comments that they would never allow anyone to direct toward them. Anyone over the age of 19 is eligible to become an official with the Alabama High School Athletic Association, and I urge some fans to consider taking the test and then getting on the court. It is easy to sit in the bleachers and criticize when one knows there is nothing that can be done. It is almost time to take the "sports" out of sportsmanship as far as fans are concerned.

Elba JV Tigers continue to struggle in losses to New Brockton & Pike County

The Elba Tiger junior varsity continued its season long struggle on the court last week as they suffered two losses and saw their record slip to 3-9 on the season.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

N.B. 40
ELBA 32

The Elba Tigers saw an early lead vanish in the second quarter and never recovered in a 40-32 loss to the New Brockton Gamecocks, last Tuesday in Elba. The Tigers owned a slim 8-7 lead after one quarter of play, but saw New Brockton rally to take an 18-13 halftime advantage and never recovered as the Gamecocks pulled away to claim the 40-32 win.

Jimmy Morris scored 10 points to lead Elba, while McNair led New Brockton with 14 points.

N.B. (40): McNair 9, Danford 6, Eubanks 2, Griswold 9, McNair 14.
Elba (32): Butts 2, Reynolds 1, Nelson 2, Willis 7, Morris 10, Ellis 8.

E CO. 38
ELBA 30

The Elba Tigers traveled to Brundidge 1 day night and suf-

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Claim second win over county rival

Tigers run past Gamecocks 67-56

The Elba Tigers used a 12-0 third quarter run to break open a close game and never looked back last Tuesday night as they posted a big 67-56 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks, in Elba.

The win upped the Tigers record to 9-7, 1-3 in area play, while the Gamecocks slipped to 6-10 with the loss and saw their area record dip to 1-3.

Elba jumped out to an early 3-1 lead on a three-pointer from the corner by Shawn Abbott, only to see New Brockton rally behind the play of Courtney Foster and watched as the Gamecocks scored six straight points to take a 6-3 lead with 5:35 left in the opening stanza. Elba regained the lead midway through the quarter at 9-8 as LaRay Williams scored six points over a two minute span, but the Gamecocks regained command late and carried a 12-11 lead into the second quarter.

Elba's LaRay Williams and Mason Gulley both drilled long three-pointers to open the second quarter as the Tigers moved back on top 17-12, and the Tigers took their biggest lead of the quarter at 21-14 with 5:19 remaining in the half after a three-pointer by Duke Carr and a free-throw by Mason Gulley. A driving lay-up by New Brockton's Rashard Andrews capped an 8-2 Gamecock run that pulled New Brockton within 23-22 with 2:54 left on the clock. However, Elba's Duke Carr scored the final four points of the half on short jumpers and at intermission the Tigers went in with a 27-22 advantage.

New Brockton came out ready to play in the third quarter and caught Elba at 28-28 on a three-pointer by Darnian Johnson with 6:19 remaining in the stanza. The two county rivals swapped baskets for the next two minutes as the score remained tied at 32-32 with 4:19 remaining, but the Tigers' Brandon Kelley came to the front three minutes as the Tigers remained in command with a 36-32 lead.

The Gamecocks cut the Elba lead to 46-39 early in the fourth quarter on a jumper by Dee Finley, but saw the Tigers pull ahead 49-39 on a three-pointer by Brandon Kelley and the teams swapped baskets over the next three minutes as the Tigers remained in command with a 53-41 lead with 4:14 left on the clock. The Gamecocks began to foul on every possession with 3:59 remaining in the game in an attempt to cut into the lead, but the Tigers hit 14 of 24 free-throws in the closing minutes to hold on and post the 67-56 area win.

Elba Lady Tigers fall to New Brockton and Pike County

The Elba Lady Tigers hit the court twice last week in high school basketball action and suffered two losses as their record slipped to 8-7 on the season.

The Lady Tigers opened the week's action at home with a 43-41 upset loss to New Brockton, then closed the week with a 48-36 road loss at Pike County.

Following are highlights of both games:

N.B. 43
ELBA 41

The Elba Lady Tigers hosted the New Brockton Lady Tigers last Tuesday night at the Elba High gym and saw the Lady Gamecocks stage a late rally to upset the Lady Tigers 43-41.

Elba pulled out to an early 6-2 lead in the opening stanza on a pair of three-pointers by LaFondra Thigpen, only to see New Brockton rally late in the quarter behind the play of Maressa Loman and Valerie Hutcherson as the Lady Gamecocks erased the early deficit and pulled ahead 10-8.

The Lady Gamecocks upped their lead to 12-8 early in the second quarter on a basket by Maressa Loman and New Brockton led 14-11 with 6:12 left in the quarter after a bucket by Yameka Hall. However, the Lady Gamecocks scored only one point over the final six minutes of the half and watched as the Lady Tigers moved behind the three-point shooting of Lakisha Tyson to go in at the half with a 21-15 advantage.

Elba pulled out to a big 24-15 lead early in the third quarter on a three-pointer by LaFondra Thigpen and appeared ready to pull away, but the Lady Gamecocks rallied behind the inside scoring of Maressa Loman and Felecia Grimes and went on an 8-0 run to cut the Elba lead to 24-23 with 3:17 remaining in the quarter. Two free-throws by Loman with 1:14 left in the quarter put the Lady Gamecocks back on top 27-26.



SURROUNDED BY TIGERS.... New Brockton's Brett Parrish (in white) finds nowhere to go as Elba's Raymar Rogers and Shawn Abbott close in. The Tigers held Parrish to only two points in the opening three quarters last week as they claimed a 67-56 win over the Gamecocks.

points to spark a 12-0 Elba run that put the Tigers on top 44-32 with 1:13 still left in the quarter. A three-point play by New Brockton's Rashard Andrews with :51 remaining snapped the Gamecocks' three-minute scoring drought. However, the Tigers were now in command and carried a 46-37 lead into the final stanza.

The Gamecocks cut the Elba lead to 46-39 early in the fourth quarter on a jumper by Dee Finley, but saw the Tigers pull ahead 49-39 on a three-pointer by Brandon Kelley and the teams swapped baskets over the next three minutes as the Tigers remained in command with a 53-41 lead with 4:14 left on the clock. The Gamecocks began to foul on every possession with 3:59 remaining in the game in an attempt to cut into the lead, but the Tigers hit 14 of 24 free-throws in the closing minutes to hold on and post the 67-56 area win.

LaRay Williams scored 16 points to lead Elba, while Brandon Kelley scored 14, all in the second half, and Mason Gulley added 13 points. The Tigers hit only 3 of 9 free-throws over the opening three quarters, but connected on 14 of 25 in the final stanza to turn back a late Gamecock charge. Rashard Andrews scored 15 points to lead New Brockton, while Brett Parrish added 14, with 12 coming in the final stanza. The Gamecocks hit on 6 of 7 free-throw opportunities in the opening three quarters, but connected on only 6 of 14 shots from the line in the final stanza.

Elba (67): Gulley 13, Williams 16, Kelley 14, Rogers 8, Abbott 9, Carr 7.

N.B. (56): Parrish 13, Andrews 15, Foster 8, Finley 7, Johnson 6, Flowers 6.

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Elba (36): Thigpen 16, Lawford 1, Reynolds 7, Tyson 7, Carpenter 5.

Pike Co. (48): Sanford 6, Rodgers 5, Smith 11, Lamplsey

Williams hits key free-throws

Elba Tigers escape Pike County with low scoring 38-36 victory

Elba's LaRay Williams hit two free-throws with :09 remaining in the game to lift the Tigers to a low scoring 38-36 win over the Pike County Bulldogs, Friday night in Brundidge.

The win upped Elba's record to 10-7, while Pike County saw its record slip to 5-8 with the loss.

The Tigers couldn't find their way to the basket in the opening stanza and scored only four points in the quarter as the Bulldogs pulled out to a 7-4 advantage. Elba began to settle down on the offensive end of the court in the second quarter and scored 11 points, but could not catch the Bulldogs and went in at intermission trailing 17-15. Pike County extended its lead to 28-24 heading into the final stanza, but the Bulldogs scored only 8 points in the fourth quarter against the aggressive Tiger defense and Elba rallied late to escape with the 38-36 win.

LaRay Williams scored 12 points to lead Elba, while Shawn Abbott added 9. Daniel and Griffin both scored 9 points for Pike County.

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Elba (38): Gulley 7, Williams 12, Kelley 5, Rogers 5, Abbott 9, Pike Co. (36): Foster 3, Rodgers 4, Daniel 9, Foster 3, Griffin 9, Lee 2, Hilliard 6.

PIKE CO. 48
ELBA 36

The Elba Lady Tigers traveled to Brundidge Friday night and suffered a 48-36 road loss to the Pike County Lady Bulldogs.

The Lady Tigers battled the Lady Bulldogs on even terms for much of the opening stanza and trailed only 11-8 after one quarter of action, then cut into the Pike County lead in the second quarter and by the end of the half had pulled within 21-19. Elba scored only six points in the third quarter and watched as the Lady Bulldogs stretched their lead to 34-26 and then never threatened in the final stanza as the Lady Tigers dropped the 48-36 decision.

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SPORTS

Shine in high school roundup

Brantley Bulldogs claim two easy wins

BOYS

Brantley Bulldogs roll past Arton 84-40

The Brantley Bulldogs hosted the Arton Purple Cats last Tuesday night and rolled to an easy 84-40 win. Derrick Weeks scored 31 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the (8-3) Bulldogs, while Jeffery Daniels added 21 points and 11 rebounds and Kevin Pitts scored 17 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Brad Lightner scored 13 points for Arton.

New Brockton falls to G.W. Long 64-45

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw a second half rally run out of gas late Friday night in a 64-45 loss to the G.W. Long Rebels, in New Brockton. Dee Finley scored 15 points and Brett Parrish added 14 to lead the (6-11) Gamecocks, while Tee Morris scored 20 points to lead G.W. Long.

Brantley Bulldogs run past Goshen 71-51

The Brantley Bulldogs continued to pile up the wins Friday night with a 71-51 win over the Goshen Eagles, at Goshen. Derrick Weeks scored 25 points and pulled down 25 rebounds to lead the (9-3) Bulldogs, while Kevin Pitts added 19 points and Jeffery Daniels scored 16. Derrick Foster scored 15 points to lead Goshen.

GIRLS

Brantley Lady Bulldogs pound Arton 44-22

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs made it look easy last Tuesday night by pounding the Arton Lady Cats 44-22, in Brantley. Jessica Daniels scored 22 points to lead (4-4) Brantley to the easy win.

New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fall 55-37

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind early and never recovered Friday night in a 55-37 loss to G.W. Long, at New Brockton. Maressa Loman scored 10 points to lead New Brockton, while Ashley Dunn scored 22 points to lead G.W. Long.



New Brockton's Rashard Andrews (30) fights for a rebound. The Gamecocks will host Highland Home Friday night in a key area match-up.

(Photo by John Wallace, Andalusia Star/News)

Youth basketball season tips off in Jr. NBA/WNBA leagues in Elba

Following are recent results from the Jr. NBA/WNBA Youth Basketball League, sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation:

KNICKS 34 DALEVILLE 21

The Knicks pulled ahead early and held on late to post a 34-21 win over Daleville in Boys 10.

UNDER ACTION. Scoring for the Knicks were Kyle Edwards 21, Nick Green 10, Caleb Martin 6, Griffin Martin 2, Logan Bailey 2 and Bradley Weeks 2. Scoring for the Daleville were Reid Rials 3, Ty Stewart 2 and Denzell Thomas 1.

SPARKS 19 LADY REBELS 4

The Sparks pulled away late to claim a 19-4 win over the Lady Rebels, in Girls 12 and Under action. Scoring for the Sparks were Travisone Wilson 4 and Courtney Weis 3. Scoring for the Lady Rebels

were Kelli Behrens 2 and Erin Dismukes 2.

WIZARDS 15 HEADSTART 4

The Wizards pulled away slowly to down Headstart 15-4, in Boys 6 and Under action. Scoring for the Wizards were Talon Flowers 8, Dorel Cooper 3, Brosnan Cooks 2, Braxton Robinson 1, and Landon Canley 1. Scoring for Headstart were Isaiah Donaldson 3 and Jeremiah Jordan 1.

CLIPPERS 32 KNICKS 29

The Clippers used a big third quarter to pull ahead and held on late to down the Knicks 32-29, in Boys 10 and Under action. Scoring for the Clippers were Sage Kelley 14, Tyler Anderson 12, KeAnthony Newson 4 and Adam Bryant 2. Scoring for the Knicks were Waylon Craighead 10, Jake

Camley 5, Thomas Cole 4, Cobe Goosby 4, Shaquille Solomon 2, Britt White 2 and Jeffery Wright 2.

LIBERTY 17 LADY REBELS 12

The Liberty pulled ahead early and held on late to down the Lady Rebels 17-12, in Girls 12 and Under action. Scoring for the Liberty were Jacquetta Whitfield 11, Kewayne Gavin 4 and Shaw Sams 3. Scoring for the Lady Rebels were Kelli Behrens 6, Paige Gibson 2, Lydia Mills 2 and Shelby Maxie 2.

CLIPPERS 20 DALEVILLE 8

The Clippers pulled ahead in the second quarter and pulled away in the second half to down Daleville 20-8, in Boys 10 and Under action. Scoring for the Clippers were Tyler Anderson 7, Sage Kelley 6, KeAnthony Newson 6 and Chace Sauls 1.



New Brockton's Valarie Hutcherson (24) looks for a teammate to pass to during recent action. The Lady Gamecocks upset Elba 43-41 last week in Elba to claim a key area win.

(Photo by John Wallace, Andalusia Star/News)

High School
BASKETBALL
SCHEDULES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

New Brockton at Luverne (4:30) JV-VG-VB
Zion Chapel at Providence (5:30) JV-VG-VB

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

Luverne at Elba (4:30) JV-VG-VB
Highland Home at New Brockton (4:30) JV-VG-VB
Brantley at Arton (4:30) JV-VG-VB
Goshen at Zion Chapel (4:30) JV-VG-VB

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Brantley at Elba (5:00) VG-VB

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

Highland Home at Elba (4:30) JV-VG-VB
New Brockton at G.W. Long (5:00) JV-VG-VB

YOUTH
BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Jan. 20

In Elba,
5:30 - Clippers vs. Opp
6:30 - Knicks vs. Opp

Monday, Jan. 24

In Elba,
5:30 - Jazz vs. Sonics
6:30 - Clippers vs. Daleville

Tuesday, Jan. 25

In Elba,
5:30 - Headstart vs. Warriors
6:30 - Sparks vs. Lady Rebels

Thursday, Jan. 27

In Elba,
5:30 - Sixers vs. Sonics
6:30 - Knicks vs. Ft. Rucker

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COMMUNITY NEWS

New Brockton High School reports honor rolls

Second Reporting Period

"A" Honor Roll

Justin Farris, Cassidy Moore,

Adam Pope,

8th Grade

Chelsea Dempsey, Jessica

Parrish,

9th Grade

Kristine Fitzgerald, Daniel

Kelley, Aaron Pope

10th Grade

Justin Corbitt, Adam Crosby,

Tyler Moore

11th Grade

Ashlie Caylor, Derrick Cook,

Brittney Donaldson, Whitney

Donaldson, Emily Hardman,

Brenna Motley, Kayleigh

Watson, Chelsea Wood

12th Grade

Chelsea Dempsey, Charlie

Kilcrease, Jessica Parrish, Anna

Beth Sawyer

9th Grade

Kristine Fitzgerald, Daniel

Kelley, Bethany Milligan,

Hillary Vaughan

10th Grade

Alexa Adams, Brandy Danley,

Brandon Griswold, Heath

Hollis, Janie Motley, Andrea

Proffitt, Matthew Rogers, Luke

Simmons, Tori Stone, Brittany

Thomaston, Ashley Tidwell,

Sarah Tipton

11th Grade

Delores Bell, Tasha Bond, Anna

12th Grade

Matthew Creech, DeAnna

Donaldson, Drew Donaldson,

Brett Parrish

13th Grade

Arissa Davis, Kaleb MacK,

Emily Mock

Brittany Moulton, Natasha

Mack, Katie Smith

6th Grade All "A's"

Kim Jones, Ashley Snell

2nd Grade All "A's"

Addie Archie, Noah Carnley,

Linsey Cazesus, T.J. Glass,

Ben Nelson, Dylan Rhodes,

Grayson Sessions, Callie

Weeks, Lee Davis, Braden

Dorsey, Marley Jackson,

Courtney Moulton, Laken Pate,

Lukas Taylor, Cody Wambles,

Connor Young

3rd Grade All "A's"

Caitlin Cooper, Ethan Davis,

Patrick Smith, Tucker

Whigham, Kelsey Carnley,

14th Grade

Hayden Harper, Mahala

Johnson, Alyssa Clark

Brittany Hardy, Bryan Jackson,

Cassidy Johnson, Cory Lashley,

Kade Mercer

4th Grade "A/B"

Aubree Archie, Mikayla Birt,

Jesse Driver, Taylor Kilcrease,

Katie Lowery, Ashley Sims

5th Grade "A/B"

Tori Devine, Joseph Parrish,

Dillon Rogers, Mallori Davis,

Mason Davis, Jacob Evans,

Brittany Smith, Hunter Sparks,

Kyle Whittman

6th Grade "A/B"

Hunter Anderson, Allison Bess,

Dylan Ray Davis, Bethany

Hawthorne, Sara Mock, Trent

Archie, Danny Williams

7th Grade "A/B"

Trace Archie, Kristal Chamblee,

Zane Sladky, Wesley

Thompson, Tanner Davis,

Morgan Grosland, Tyler Horton,

Echo Johnson, Cody Banks

8th Grade "A/B"

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COMMUNITY NEWS

DRUGS (Continued from Page One)

and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to Chief Whitworth, three of the four suspects have prior arrests for drug related offenses. At the time of last week's arrest, he said Queen was out on bond for a manufacturing methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine charge from two other separate arrests. Also, Hudson was on probation for two other separate arrests for possession of methamphetamine while Foley was on probation for drug charges from Covington County.

Following the arrests, the four suspects were transported to the Coffee County Jail.

While the methamphetamine

epidemic is still ongoing in Coffee County, Whitworth said he wanted to publicly commend the officers responsible for last week's arrests on a "job well done." They were Leslie Hussey of the 12th Judicial Drug Task Force, Investigator Tony Harrison, Officer Michael Adkinson and Investigator Andy Ginter.

Whitworth said his officers will continue to use every resource possible to put a stop to the illegal use and manufacture of drugs, especially methamphetamine. He asks that anyone having information concerning drug activity please contact the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555.

The public is cordially invited to attend a Monument Dedication in memory of

Sergeant Jason Jordan

at ten o'clock in the morning on Friday, the twenty-eighth of January Two thousand and five

Veterans Memorial Park
661 East Davis Street
Elba, Alabama

Sergeant Jordan, a Coffee County native, was killed in action in Tallifair, Iraq on July 20, 2003.

Scheduled keynote speaker is
Brigadier General Edward Sinclair
(Commanding General, United States Army Aviation Center and School, and Fort Rucker)

Model A Ford donated to help Crohn's disease patient pay bills

26 year old Shannon Britt of Smith Station, AL has Crohn's disease, an autoimmune disorder, which can be controlled somewhat but to date no permanent cure has emerged. She has battled the disease, and a multitude of related medical problems for the past ten years.

However she is now attempting to raise \$100,000 for some special, largely experimental, treatments at Northwestern Medical University, in Chicago. This treatment, which takes her stem cells from her bone marrow, clones them and reinserts them into her body, after completely killing her immune system, shows promise in early tests on other severe cases of the disease. As she is un-

able, all the money must come from private sources.

The latest innovative fund raiser is giving away a 1930 Model A Ford, all restored and in Auburn University colors. The car was donated and the money raised from the \$50,000 tickets will all go toward her treatment. Deadline for buying tickets is January 29th.

There is an internet site <shannongift.org> which explains how to get the tickets or her mother's e-mail is <friedeladove@bellsouth.net>. The mother is Frieda Britt-Horwitz.

This young lady has very close friends from the Elba area and they too would join her in thanking those who help with this endeavor.

DEATH (Continued from Page One)

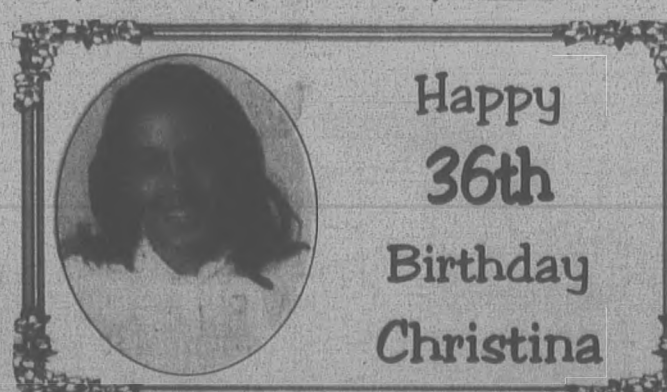
Department of Public Safety Unit K-9 searches were also conducted of the immediate area. K-9 units from Covington and Escambia County Search and Rescue units and many volunteers from the immediate and surrounding area assisted local law enforcement agencies with many hours of ground searches in efforts to find Finkley.

Volunteers from the Houston County Rescue Unit provided

divers and equipment to aid in the search.

Local law enforcement officials said they are grateful to all the volunteers who assisted in the search and recovery efforts.

While officials with the district attorney's office await the preliminary autopsy report from the Department of Forensic Sciences, authorities continue the investigation surrounding Finkley's death.



Happy 36th Birthday Christina

STREET (Continued from Page One)

when the city council officially gave him the job.

Richards said the street superintendent works closely with the city clerk, and he credits city clerk Wayne Grantham for making this job acceptable.

"The city clerk is a real help for a street superintendent," Richards said. "If it wasn't for him (Grantham), I probably wouldn't have taken this job."

Richards currently has 13 employees working under him in the street department including two employees at the city shop. In general, he said the street department is responsible for maintaining the streets,

sewer, storm drains, bush-hogging the sides of the roads in the city limits and trash picking.

As superintendent, he delegates the work among his employees and he meets with any citizens that might have complaints.

Richards has been a resident of Elba since 1959. He is married to Patricia Richards. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Citizens needing to speak with the street superintendent can call James Richards at his office at 897-2179 or they can call Elba City Hall and send a message to him.

Coast Guard Seaman James C. Skinner graduates from recruit training center

Coast Guard Seaman James C. Skinner, son of Sandra C. and Tommy Skinner of Elba, Ala., recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

During the eight-week training program, Skinner completed a rigorous training curriculum consisting of academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival, military customs and courtesies, seamanship skills, first aid, fire fighting and marksmanship. A major emphasis is also placed on physical fitness, health and wellness.

Skinner and other recruits also received instruction on the Coast Guard's core values — honor, respect and devotion to duty — and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Skinner will join 36,000 other men and women who comprise Coast Guard's force.

Men and women train together from the first day in the Coast Guard just as they do aboard ships and shore units throughout the world. To reinforce the team concept, Skinner, and other recruits were trained in preventing sexual harassment, drug and alcohol awareness, civil rights training, and the basics of the work-life balance, as well as total quality management.

Skinner is a 2003 graduate of Elba High School of Elba, Ala.

EOCC offers free classes in English as second language

FREE classes in English as a Second Language for non-native speakers are offered at Enterprise-Ozark Community College's Enterprise Campus. Three separate sessions are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 6:00-8:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. with a computer lab open from 5:00-6:00 p.m. all three nights.

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Elba Tigers surprise fans with new uniforms



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Number of hours in work week draws lengthy discussion at county commission meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Number of hours in the work week ended what was a routine meeting of the Coffee County Commission Monday morning, Jan. 24, when one commissioner felt another was overstepping his authority.

Commission chairman Doug Dalrymple brought to the commission's attention a problem with the number of hours some county employees at the courthouse(s) are working each week compared to the number of hours they are being paid.

Dalrymple said one county department head said he is unable to keep his people working eight hours per day because the employee handbook states that the courthouse is to be open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Dalrymple said the department head gives his employees one hour for lunch thus giving them only seven and a half hours per day for work.

Group presents fund raising plans to Elba Council

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council approved two housekeeping resolutions Monday evening. The first was to officially approve a county wide Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan developed by Coffee County.

Emergency Management in cooperation with the city and county governments. It is expected that all government bodies within the county will sign off on the plan.

Also approved was an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation dealing with the one and a half million dollar state grant to upgrade County Road 404/Lower Curtis Road (also known as Packing House Road). Application for the funds was made jointly with Coffee County.

Plans for the project include left and right turning lanes from the chip mill past Kelley Foods and resurfacing the entire road from the Kingston Highway westward to where it ends at Highway 141.

In other business the council heard Athletic Club president Doug Martin Jr. give detailed plans of an upcoming March 11th golf marathon fund raiser for the athletic club and proposed children's playground.

Mayor James Grimes and all council members pledged to do everything they could to support the efforts of those sponsoring the fund raiser.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham told council members that Highway 87 North is now closed for redesign work to be done at the levee crossing. Officially this road will be closed until late February. Traffic is detoured up Claxton Avenue to the 203 Bypass.

Grantham also explained that he is in the process of assembling specifications on a new trash truck and related equipment before seeking the bids requested earlier in the month by the council.

Mayor Grimes reminded council members of the workshop scheduled for 5:30 next Monday night in city hall.

Grimes also urged all council members to attend the monument dedication at Veterans Memorial Park being dedicated in memory of Elba's Jason Jordan. Jordan was killed last year in Iraq.

At the request of Dalrymple, county attorney Joe Cassidy quickly reviewed the employee handbook prior to the meeting, and he addressed the questions surrounding the number of hours in the work week.

According to Cassidy, the handbook, which was last revised in 1998, states that a normal work week is 40 hours. He also said it indicates that department heads can make necessary adjustments in scheduling to attain the 40 hours per week.

"The taxpayers of Coffee County are paying for eight hours per day, and I think everyone should work eight hours per day," Dalrymple said.

County employees are paid every two weeks, and Dalrymple said employees only working seven and a half hours per day are getting paid for 80 hours every two weeks when they actually are only working 75 hours.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks wondered if Dalrymple was overstepping his boundaries.

"Do you think, as commission chairman, you have the authority to go over the department

Elba BOE members view Senior Beta Club presentation

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board met on Thursday, January 20th. In addition to routine business the board got a presentation from High School Librarian Margaret Calhoun, and two members of the Senior Beta Club who are also members of the broadcast journalism class, Jessica Merklin and Tim Jackson.

Calhoun briefed the board members on the program and Senior Beta Club. The students presented a short film each one of them had produced within the school, using video equipment of the journalism program. The videos were highlighting the activities of the Senior Beta Club and students of Elba High School.

Superintendent Danny Weeks reviewed the monthly financial statement, noting that the general fund remains steady as it has throughout the year. He added it looks really good, compared to times past when finances were much tighter.

Week spotlighted the capital outlay fund, which must be used for capital projects and reminded board members of the plans to replace some buses, possibly including one smaller bus.

The CNP Fund balance has dropped which Weeks said is normal at the start of the year and following the Christmas holidays.

The board presented WTVY newscaster Mike Gursan with an "Alabama Educational Media Honor Roll" award. The award is for his continued support of education and the students of the Elba school system.

The board approved a state approved Tuition Policy. This statewide policy will hold parents accountable for their child's attendance in school.

Also approved was a Perfect Attendance Policy recommended by the Elba Elementary School Leadership Team. This

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New Brockton Elementary students collect "Pennies for Bailly"

by Linda Hodge, Editor

With one of their own suffering from a chronic illness, the students at New Brockton Elementary School (NBES) decided to count their pennies and offer a helping hand.

The benefactor of this good will, Bailly Mitchell, a kindergarten student at NBES. Bailly will celebrate his sixth birthday next week, and his mother, Christie Mitchell, accepted an early birthday present for him Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 25, when the Student Government Association (SGA) at NBES presented her with a check for \$1,200.

Bailly suffers from Common Variable Immune Deficiency, and he is unable to attend school at this point due to the high risk of catching an illness. He has undergone various treatments and surgeries for his condition and will travel to Duke University in February with his family to meet with an immunology specialist.

The students at NBES decided they wanted to help the Mitchell family with expenses. The SGA recently sponsored "Pennies for Bailly" and asked all the students and faculty at NBES to bring their pennies from home to place in buckets.

The money was collected for one week. When the SGA officers and representatives counted and wrapped the money, they discovered that the student body had responded by giving \$1,200 to help Bailly and his family.

On Tuesday of this week, the SGA officers and representatives joined principal Bob Andrews and SGA sponsors Tracy Whittaker and Ella Burrows in presenting a check to Bailly's mother and his sister, Brittany, a third grade student at NBES.



New Brockton Elementary School SGA president Heather Hendrix (left) presents a check in the amount of \$1,200 to Christie Mitchell, the mother of NBES kindergarten student Bailly Mitchell. Also joining in the presentation were Bailly's sister, Brittany (holding a picture of Bailly), and NBES principal Bob Andrews. The funds raised by the NBES students will be used to assist the Mitchell family with expenses as they plan to travel to Duke University in February seeking additional treatment information for Bailly. Bailly suffers from an immune system deficiency, and he is unable to attend school at this time.

"This is a token of love for Bailly," Andrews said. "We hope you can use this money to help Bailly."

Upon accepting the gift from the students, Mitchell thanked everyone and said she really did not know what to say.

She did say she attended New Brockton as a student and is glad her children can also attend such a wonderful school.

Although Bailly was unable to be there for the check presentation, his mother said he will be so grateful to his fellow students.

Elba moving forward with \$1.5 million GO bond issue

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The City of Elba is proceeding with plans for a \$1.5 million bond issue.

Elba Mayor James Grimes explained that the funds will cover repayment of short term bonds borrowed from a local bank for various projects, including the Toledo Molding building; \$100,000 to renovate the old post office building for use as a city court; replace about a half million borrowed from other city funds; \$100,000 for new police vehicles, cameras and other related equipment and hopefully some left for much needed street paving projects. Some of this borrowed money was supposed to be replaced by

state economic development funds, but to date that has not been forthcoming.

The exact interest rate will not be known until the bonds are sold, however it is estimated that the General Obligation, 20 year bonds, will draw interest of 2.1% in the first years to 4.4% towards the end in 2024.

Annual payments will vary. In 2006 interest and principal will total approximately \$180,107. The highest annual payment will be in 2024 when the payment of interest and principal on the bonds will be about \$181,381.

Grimes predicts the bond issue will be closed out around the middle of February.

Spicer joins EOCC as assistant to president

Enterprise-Ozark Community College president, Dr. Stafford Thompson, recently announced that Terry Spicer has been named assistant to the president for economic and community development.

"I'm very pleased to have someone of Rep. Spicer's caliber joining our administrative team," Dr. Thompson said.

Spicer said that he is very excited about the opportunities presented by his new job. "EOCC has a strong and important history in this community," he said. "As we look for opportunities to grow, our efforts will be to help define the college's evolving role in the community as it relates to economic and community development."

Before joining EOCC, Spicer worked with MacArthur State Technical College and Lurleen B. Wallace Community College for 16 years. Most recently he served as LBWCC's Dean of Adult Education and Skills Training Division. Spicer began his career at MacArthur as an instructor. After the merger between MacArthur and LBW,

he directed the training for business and industry program, the Focused Industry Training (FIT) program, continuing education and adult basic education programs.

Spicer has worked on a number of economic development projects throughout the region and has been instrumental in helping to secure funding necessary for the recruitment of business and industry.

He earned his bachelor's degree in technical education from Auburn State College, and a Master's in Public Administration from Auburn University Montgomery.

Spicer represents Coffee County in the Alabama House of Representatives, where he serves as Vice-Chair of the Education Committee, Education Finance and Appropriations Committee, State Government and Local Legislation Committee. He also serves as a member of the Alabama Workforce Investment Board and the Alabama Child's Policy Council.

He and his wife, Ceina, are natives and residents of Elba. They have two sons, Hayes, and J. Cole.

Area Happenings

A MONUMENT DEDICATION CEREMONY in memory of Sgt. Jason Jordan will be held Friday, Jan. 28, at 10 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park, 661 E. Davis St., Elba. The keynote speaker will be Brigadier General Edward Sinclair. The public is invited to attend.

THE MISS ELBA PAGEANTS will be held Saturday, March 5, at the Elba High School auditorium. Age divisions include Future Little Miss Elba (ages 4-5), Little Miss Elba (first graders), Junior Miss Elba (7th-10th graders), and Miss Elba (ages 17-21). All participants must either attend school in Elba or hold a permanent Elba address. Anyone interested in participating in the Miss Elba Pageants should contact Dorothy Hudson at 897-3619 to get the necessary paperwork and applications. The Miss Elba Tea will be held Thursday, Feb. 3, at the Elba Chamber of Commerce. All participants are required to attend this Tea and must have all paperwork completed by this date.

ANY ADULTS INTERESTED in forming a book club should come to the Elba Public Library on Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.

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